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General Comment

Many watershed organizations have a better understanding of their watersheds in regards to water quality data than the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of the Environment due to the lack of resources in the State of Maryland to conduct weekly monitoring in all Chesapeake Bay tributaries. Will the EPA grant funding to watershed organizations to gather data for the states if a watershed monitoring plan meets Chesapeake Bay Program monitoring guidelines? A more scientific approach can then be used to calculate a Bay TMDL for that Chesapeake Bay region. The TMDL needs to be monitored and tested near the sources, e.g., tributaries and their contributing watersheds.